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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

2 17. (Amended) A method of selling a quantity of electric energy between at least two participants, said method comprising the steps of:

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- (a) connecting a first participant to a database display;
 - (b) connecting a second participant to the database display;
 - (c) displaying a price for the quantity of electrical energy; [and]
 - (d) computing a performance index associated with a reliability for either

participant; and

[(d)e] displaying a reliability indicator associated with any offer to sell electric energy.

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